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H. B. Putnam
301 East 62nd Street New York 21, New York

answered
11/21/62 ✓ 1 October 1962

Mr. James Meredith
University of Mississippi

Dear Mr. Meredith:

I hope that you
will accept this expression
of my great admiration for
you and your dignity and
courage. For the only time in
my life I have wished that
I lived in Mississippi and
could stand up and be
counted, so to speak, and tell
you face to face that I am
proud to be an American
along with you. The opinion

of our white women
cannot count for very much,
but there are others of us
and I speak for some of
my friends who may not
think to let you know of
their pride in you.

It is possible I am afraid,
that there are still some
unpleasant experiences ahead
for you. I hope with all
my heart that this will not
be the case. If there should
be any way in which I could
be more actively helpful, I
hope that you would let me
know. Failing that, please

and I am sure that there
are many of us who
want to support you in
your courageous action, and
who hope that closed doors
will soon be opened to you
and your people as a
result of your brave and
dignified work. You deserve
the best in education, respect,
and admiration.

I use the words "your
people" and "us" only for
purposes of clarity, and not
because I think that
there are any differences.

I send you my best

artists for success and
an raising of fusions around
you in your lonely and heroic
Task, and my hopes That
your fellow students will soon
come to recognize and appreciate
your worth.

Most sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Helen Brackley Putnam

Putnam

301 East 62nd Street New York 21, New York

was unsealed
when arrived
at Mr. Marshall's
office - apparently
was never sealed.

